BILTMORE HOUSE
BILTMORE
NORTH CAROLINA

December 28, 1923.

Mr. George Massa,
Care Plateau Studios,
Pack Square,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Massa:

I have just been handed the photographs which you sent to me for Christmas, taken at the 1923 State Fair.

It was very nice of you to think of me at this time and in such an interesting way too.

The pictures will be placed in my album as a part of the records of the 1923 Fair.

Thanking you and wishing you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am,

Yours truly,

Edith Vanderbilt

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Mr. Horace Kephart

~~The MacMillan Company, Publishers~~

~~New York City~~

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Elizabeth Madox Roberts
832 Hyperion Ave.
Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, California

May 14, 1927

Mr. Horace Kephart
The MacMillan Company
New York City

Dear Mr. Kephart:

I read several years ago and greatly enjoyed your book, Our Southern Highlanders, and I have found your compilations of words and phrases most stimulating in that they recall to my mind phrases I have heard. I was greatly moved when I read your account of an old man who longed for the home of his youth, and his words, "I lied to my God when I left the mountains and kem to the devlish cotton mills . . . " haunted me often. Not long ago I conceived the notion for a sketch or short piece centering around the idea of a young boy, eager to see the world and to escape the mountains, meeting on his way going down an old man returning, such an old man as you had reported of. The sketch, as executed, in the boy's story and there is a theme.

The likeness between the two old men, yours and mine, is so slight, mine being so much more elaborately presented, that there can be no question of plagairism, or if there is, then literature is founded on such crimes. I am writing to tell you of the pleasure I have had in your book and the delight it has given me to build the ideas it stimulated in my mind into a theme of my own. The sketch is to be printed in the American Mercury soon. May I have the pleasure of sending you a copy of the magazine when it is ready?

If you reply you had best address me through my publishers, the Viking Press, 30 Irving Place, New York, since the Los Angeles address is impermanent. May I repeat my expressions of delight in Our Southern Highlanders. It might well become a text-book for all artists who aspire to write about the mountainous South.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Madox Roberts

26 Broadway
New York

November 20, 1928

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the two photographs which you took of me in front of the hotel at Asheville the other morning. If these photographs were meant to be complimentary, I accept them with appreciation. If they were sent me to buy, kindly forward your bill to the above address.

Very truly,

John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Mr. George Masa,
Photo Service,
12 Church Street,
Asheville, N.C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
RALEIGH

O. MAX GARDNER
GOVERNOR

May 6, 1930.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville, N. C.

My dear Mr. Masa:

I wish to thank you sincerely for the photographs, the views of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the maps which you so kindly sent me. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in this connection.

It is always a pleasure for me to visit your section of the State, and I shall look forward to again enjoying its magnificent scenery and climate. However, I regret to say that the duties of my office will not permit my attending the Rhododendron Festival, June 18 to 20.

Again thanking you and with assurance of my good wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

OMG/C

O. Max Gardner

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EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
NASHVILLE

HENRY H. HORTON
GOVERNOR

WALLACE EDWARDS
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR

May
6th
1930

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
12 - Church St.,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Please accept my grateful acknowledgements for your favor of April 29th enclosing photographs and views of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, and also the maps of a portion of the park area.

I appreciate very much your invitation to attend the Rhododendron Festival to be held at Asheville from June 18-20. I regret very much my inability to attend but your invitation is none the less appreciated.

With much appreciation of your courtesy, I am

Yours very truly,

Henry H. Horton

Governor.